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Annual Report

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Municipal Officers

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TOWN OF

SEARSPORT

MAINE

MUNICIPAL YEAR

1948-49

BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Budget Committee met on February 23 and organized with Melvin Thompson as Chairman and Victor Greene as Secretary. It recommends that the following amounts be raised to meet the expenses of the current year.

High School.....	7,100.00
Elementary Schools.....	15,875.00
Supt. of Schools.....	945.00
General School Account.....	1,250.00
Library.....	400.00
Hydrants.....	2,675.00
Town Roads.....	4,500.00
Patrol Maintenance.....	950.00
Cutting Bushes.....	400.00
Snow Removal.....	2,000.00
Fire Department.....	2,500.00
Sewers.....	700.00
Memorial Day.....	50.00
Street Lights.....	1,200.00
Sidewalk Repairs.....	100.00
Health Nurse.....	85.00
Special Resolve Maintenance	200.00
Town Wharf.....	200.00
Union Hall.....	500.00
Mothers' Aid.....	700.00
Publicity.....	50.00
Schoolhouse Fund.....	1,000.00
General Government.....	6,000.00
Town Poor.....	5,500.00
State Aid Construction.....	900.00
Community Christmas Tree	50.00
Fourth of July Celebration	50.00
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	55,880.00

The following were present: Sanford Preble, Columbus Carley, James Duncan, Charles Sawyer, Mrs. Cecil Card, Fred Young, Melvin Thompson, Charles Rogers, Sr., Victor Greene, Charles R. Knox, Clifford Kinstler, Maurice Fletcher, Edson Fletcher, Arthur Gilpatrick and Superintendent of Schools, Arthur Webb.

Respectfully submitted,
V. N. GREENE
Secretary

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Town of SEARSPORT, MAINE



FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR

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THE KELLEY PRESS, BELFAST, MAINE

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OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF SEARSPORT

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

E. W. FLETCHER CHARLES A. ROGERS, SR.
VICTOR N. GREENE

Superintending School Committee

CLIFFORD KINSTLER CHARLES K. SAWYER
ESTHER CARD

Superintendent Schools

ARTHUR W. WEBB

Tax Collector

RUBY D. WOOD

Town Clerk

CHARLES K. SAWYER

Town Treasurer

FRED E. YOUNG

Auditor

PAUL A. SMITH

Fire Chief

CLIFFORD W. JACKSON

Constable

JAY COLCORD

Sealers of Weights and Measures

FRANK PERKINS

Health Officer

FRED A. SMALL

To the Citizens of Searsport

The ledger, distribution book, journal, and individual vouchers from which this report was compiled are on file at the Selectmen's office and are available for inspection.

Respectfully,

E. W. FLETCHER
C. A. ROGERS, SR.
V. N. GREENE

Selectmen of Searsport

WARRANT

To Jay Colcord, a Constable of the Town of Searsport,
in the County of Waldo Greeting:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Searsport, in said county qualified by law to vote in Town, on Monday the 7th day of March, A. D. 1949 at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

- Art. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Art. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.
- Art. 3. To see if the Town will accept the Annual Report of the Municipal Officers as printed.
- Art. 4. To see what compensation the Town will vote to pay the various town officers for the ensuing year.
- Art. 5. To choose and elect Town officers for the ensuing year and how many, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, a Town Treasurer, a member of the School Board to serve for three years, a Budget Committee, a Road Commissioner, Constables, Surveyors of Sawed Lumber, Surveyors of Wood and Bark, Surveyors of Spars and Timber, Fence Viewers, Sealers of Leather, Viewers and Cullers of Hoops and Staves, and Fire Ward.
- Art. 6. To elect a Tax Collector.

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- Art. 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of or lease any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they may deem advisable, and to execute quit claim deeds for such property.
- Art. 8. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the support of the High School.
- Art. 9. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the support of the Elementary Schools.
- Art. 10. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Superintendent of Schools.
- Art. 11. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for repairs, insurance, truancy, and equipment for the schools.
- Art. 12. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the support of the Carver Memorial Library.
- Art. 13. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for General Government and Incidentals.
- Art. 14. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the support of the poor.
- Art. 15. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the use of Hydrants.

- Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to maintain the present Fire Department and to make such changes, as may, in their opinion, become necessary.
- Art. 17. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the repairs of the Town Roads, and how much to allow for labor.
- Art. 18. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for patrol maintenance.
- Art. 19. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for cutting bushes on improved and Town roads.
- Art. 20. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for winter breaking and snow removal.
- Art. 21. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the support of the Fire Department.
- Art. 22. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for sewer repairs and maintenance or act anything thereon.
- Art. 23. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for decoration of Soldiers' Graves and care of the Monument Lot.
- Art. 24. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for Street Lights.

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- Art. 25. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for sidewalk repairs and maintenance, or act anything thereon.
- Art. 26. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$85.00 for public health nursing in Searsport. Said sum to be expended by the State Bureau of Health, for local service.
- Art. 27. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Special Resolve Road maintenance.
- Art. 28. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for repair and maintenance of the Town Wharf, or act anything thereon.
- Art. 29. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the maintenance of Union Hall.
- Art. 30. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Mothers' Aid.
- Art. 31. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and the Town Treasurer to borrow, as temporary loan or loans, to and for the use of the Town of Searsport, in anticipation of Taxes of the current Municipal Year, sums of money in the aggregate not exceeding twelve thousand dollars, (\$12,000.00); and to authorize the Town Treasurer to execute the negotiable bonds or notes of the Town therefore payable within the said Municipal Year from moneys raised by taxation therein and upon such terms as shall be satisfactory to the Selectmen of said Town, in accordance with provisions of R. S. Maine, Section 83, Chapter 5 as amended.

- Art. 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50 for advertising our natural resources, advantages and attractions, under the provision of Section 82, Chapter 5 of the revised statutes. Said money to be expended through the State of Maine Publicity Bureau.
- Art. 33. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for State Aid road construction (in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges) under the provisions of Sections 25 and 29, Chapter 20, R. S. 1944, as amended.
- Art. 34. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate to add to the World War I and II Memorial Gymnasium Capital Reserve Fund, or act anything thereon.
- Art. 35. To see if the Town will vote to apply a tarvia surface to Steamboat Avenue and Norris Street, or act anything thereon.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session in the Selectmen's Office on Saturday, March 5, 1949 at 9 o'clock in the morning for the purpose of correcting and revising the list of voters.

Given under our hands at Searsport, February A. D. 1949.

E. W. FLETCHER
C. A. ROGERS, SR.
V. N. GREENE

Selectmen of Searsport.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Valuation

	R. Estate	P. Estate	Total
Resident.....	398,955.00	45,266.00	444,221.00
Non-resident.....	445,490.00	150,410.00	595,900.00
Grand Totals.....	844,445.00	195,676.00	1,040,121.00
Tax rate \$65.00 per 1,000.....		67,607.87	
338 polls at \$3.00.....		1,014.00	
Supplemental Tax.....		225.25	
			68,847.12

Appropriations

High School.....	\$7,877.00
Elementary Schools.....	13,200.00
Superintendent of Schools.....	945.00
General School Account.....	3,300.00
Library.....	350.00
Hydrants.....	2,600.00
Town Roads.....	4,000.00
Patrol Maintenance.....	871.50
Cutting Bushes.....	400.00
Snow Removal.....	2,000.00
Fire Department.....	2,000.00
Sewers.....	700.00
Memorial Day.....	50.00
Street Lights.....	792.00
Sidewalk Repairs.....	400.00
Health Nurse.....	85.00
Special Resolve Maintenance.....	200.00
Town Wharf.....	500.00

Union Hall	500.00
Mothers' Aid.....	600.00
Publicity.....	50.00
Schoolhouse Fund	500.00
General Government.....	6,000.00
Town Poor.....	4,500.00
School Survey.....	1,500.00
Fire Truck & Equipment	1,500.00
State Aid Construction.....	900.00
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Total Direct Appropriation.....	56,320.50
Assessed for State Tax.....	7,093.38
Assessed for County Tax	3,667.50
Assessed Overlay.....	1,540.49
Assessed for Supplemental Tax.....	225.25
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Total	68,847.12

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. FLETCHER
C. A. ROGERS, SR.
V. N. GREENE

Assessors of Searsport

PAUL A. SMITH & CO.

Public Accountants

Bangor, Maine

February 14, 1949

The Board of Selectmen
Town of Searsport
Searsport, Maine

Gentlemen:

In accordance with your request, we have audited the general and trust fund accounting records of the Town of Searsport, Maine, for the year ending January 31, 1949; have examined records of the town clerk effecting accounting procedure and the administration of the town. We did not perform a detailed audit. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We herewith present our report, based upon our examination, together with the following exhibits:

- Exhibit A Comparative General Fund Balance Sheet as at January 31, 1949 and January 31, 1948
- Exhibit B Comparative Trust Fund Balance Sheet as at January 31, 1949 and January 31, 1948
- Exhibit C Analysis of 1948 Taxes for the Year Ended January 31, 1949
- Exhibit D Statement of Transactions in Departmental Accounts for the Year Ended January 31, 1949
- Exhibit E Analysis of Change in Unappropriated Surplus for the Year Ended January 31, 1949

Scope of Audit

Cash on deposit, in the general fund, has been reconciled with certificate furnished by the Merrill Trust Company. Cash on hand, totaling \$37.89, was determined by actual count, and attested by the treasurer as being town funds.

The assessment of 1948 taxes was proved and compared to the tax commitment. Outstanding tax balances for all years were compared with the records of the collector, and verification, by correspondence, has been made to the extent considered advisable. A reserve has been set up for the possibility of loss in collection.

Excise tax receipts numbered 91 to 517 inclusive for 1948 and numbered 1 to 67 inclusive for 1949 were added, and were found to be in agreement with the receipts issued by the treasurer. Collections were found to be deposited monthly in accordance with proper procedure.

The 1947 tax liens were examined; costs have been added to and form a part of the reconciled ledger balance. All liens, on which the time for redemption has expired, with a single exception where a part payment has been accepted, have been transferred to the tax acquired property account.

Accounts receivable have been determined by direct examination of departmental and other accounts, also, carrying forward of uncollected balances from the prior year. Not included, however, is a refund due for federal excise tax on equipment purchases found to be included in the purchase price, which may be applied for.

Transactions in tax acquired property have been examined; sales in this account total \$1,148.11, on which only \$30.10, gain has been realized. Included in the additions to this account, are uncollected tax assessments on the same property on which tax liens have been foreclosed.

The security investments pertaining to the capital reserve fund, have been determined by direct examination; the amount on

time deposit has been confirmed by certificate furnished by the depository bank. This fund was created at the annual town meeting held on March 8, 1948 and included the special appropriation at that time, the appropriation made in the prior year, and also the expendable funds held in custody that originated from private sources. Interest earnings have been added to and forms a part of the total.

Accounts payable have been determined from examination of departmental and other transactions; not included is the charge for aid to dependent children for the three months period ended December 31, 1948. The records of amounts withheld and due to other governmental agencies were found to be in agreement with ledger control.

Continuing balances are for education, state aid highway construction and the school survey; all other departmental balances have been lapsed to surplus.

Trust fund resources in the form of security investments, have been determined by direct examination; amounts on time deposit have been confirmed by the depository banks. Cash or deposit, has been reconciled with certificate furnished by The Merrill Trust Company. Cash on hand, was counted and attested by the treasurer as being a part of the resources. During the year a new checking account was opened, with the specific objective of avoiding the intermingling of trust funds with the general town funds, a very commendable procedure. The accounting system for these funds was adequate with the same general procedure as in general funds, however, in the transfer of all funds formerly in the general checking account and from time deposits containing accumulations of earnings and principal previously accounted for, receipts were issued as if for new funds, without provision for offsetting entry. A substantial part of the investments are in the form of U. S. Savings bonds with an interest period dated February 1st. Within certain funds, only one half years income had been received and recorded in the prior year and, therefore, one and one half years income recorded in the current year was to be

expected. Under these circumstances it was necessary to analyze each treasurers receipt and to reconcile the income in each individual trust. Payments for care of lots in the Village and in the Elmwood Cemeteries did not correspond with earnings. No attempt was made to allocate differences to individual funds unless known, but is shown as either an encumbrance or as a credit to the checking account according to circumstances. A similar encumbrance in the Ann McGilvery Memorial Fund originated in the prior year, but was an error within trust funds and did not affect the gross amount intermingled with the general funds. An overdeposit of 53 cents was made to that part of the Joanna C. Colcord fund which must accumulate under the terms of trust, but this difference is not reflected in the schedules for the reason that the actual deposit was made to a special time deposit and can best be corrected by a lessor deposit in the same amount during 1949. The Annie M. Partridge fund, accepted at a special town meeting during the year was reconciled with the amount specified at the time of acceptance. The principal agreed with an appraisal based on a schedule of redemption at that time, pertaining to U. S. Savings bonds, Series G. All investments in these bonds have been recorded at maturity value, whether purchased or re-registered, and for that reason only, exceeds the amount voted in acceptance of this fund.

Comments

We did not make a detailed audit of all departmental transactions; we did however, make a test check of invoices in support of the warrants issued for expenditures, and of the checks issued for payment. We completely footed cash receipt records and reconciled the results with the treasurer's account. We verified the appropriation levies together with all other records of the town clerk pertaining to administration and to the accounting procedure.

The unpaid balances of a tax anticipation note, outstanding at the beginning of the year has been paid; the cancelled note was viewed by us.

Analysis of departmental transactions reveals that the tax levies for the year had been given careful consideration, resulting in increased appropriations were definitely required. The appropriations for fire department purchases was very close to actual requirements, but the cost of fire suppression was an item that could not be predicted and the overdraft is considered to be unavoidable. The overdraft in the town roads and bridges account was in excess of fifteen percent. Consideration should be given to Chapter 84, Sections 81 and 83 of the 1944 Revised Statutes of Maine, as amended. The substantial expenditure for repairs to the tractor has caused this account to be overdrawn. The appropriation for state aid construction, was not used, although the state's share in this joint fund was available. Consideration could be given to the overexpenditures in prior years because partial recovery can be obtained, in cash, if charged to the joint fund created this year, but only on condition that the town so requests and does not make further expenditures chargeable to the 1948 appropriation. It was observed, that state allotments made for the town road improvement fund, and for special resolve had not been used and that the credit available in the third class reconstruction account was also intact.

Certificate

Based upon our examination, and subject to the foregoing, we hereby certify that, in our opinion, the accompanying comparative balance sheet, statement of transactions in departmental accounts, and analysis of change in surplus properly present the financial condition of the town as of January 31, 1949, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted principles of municipal accounting.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL A. SMITH & CO.
Public Accountants

By: W. C. WHEELER

WCW:cp

EXHIBIT A

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

General Fund

As at January 31, 1949 and January 31, 1948

Resources:	January 31, 1949	January 31, 1948
Cash, Sch. 1	13,386.80	10,558.50
Accounts Receivable, Sch. 2	681.39	367.95
Tax Receivables, Sch. 3	5,073.34	4,287.39
Less: Abatement Reserve	594.78	
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Tax Liens, Sch. 4	4,478.56	
Tax Acquired Property, Sch. 5	487.74	489.20
Capital Reserve Investments, Sch. 6	1,920.83	2,431.55
	1,149.45	
Total Resources	<hr/> 22,104.77	<hr/> 18,136.41
Obligations:		
Accounts Payable, Sch. 7		
Agency	206.46	287.65
Other	43.55	84.28
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Notes Payable	250.01	371.93
Due to Trust Funds:		4,000.00
Angie Gilmore Fund		17.50
Charles F. Gordon Fund		47.50
Olive Jennie Lawrence Fund		9.82
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Capital Reserve, Sch. 8	1,149.45	74.82
Total Obligations	<hr/> 1,399.46	<hr/> 4,446.75
Continuing Appropriations, Ex. D	5,672.65	2,210.03
Unappropriated Balance, Ex. E	15,032.66	11,479.63
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Total Surplus	20,705.31	13,689.66
Total Obligations and Surplus	<hr/> 22,104.77	<hr/> 18,136.41

The complete report of audit is on file in the office of the Selectmen.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Receipts

Appropriations.....	6,000.00	
Receipts and Credits.....	552.21	
Total Available.....		6,552.21

Expenditures

Salaries:

E. W. Fletcher, 1st Selectman.....	300.00	
C. A. Rogers, Sr. 2nd Selectman.....	250.00	
V. N. Greene, 3rd Selectman.....	400.00	
F. E. Young, Treasurer.....	400.00	
Charles K. Sawyer, Town Clerk.....	45.00	
Ruby D. Wood, Tax Collector.....	1,440.33	
E. W. Fletcher, Assessor.....	75.00	
C. A. Rogers, Sr., Assessor.....	75.00	
V. N. Greene, Assessor.....	125.00	
Clifford Kinstler, School Committee	50.00	
Charles K. Sawyer, School Committee	50.00	
Esther Card, School Committee.....	50.00	
Charles K. Sawyer, Moderator.....	5.00	
Total.....		3,265.33

Insurance:

B. F. Colcord, Insurance Agency.....	616.86
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Office Supplies and Equipment:

Marks Printing House.....	42.20	
Journal Office Supply.....	84.50	
City Job Print.....	4.00	
Grace Harriman.....	34.40	
Fred L. Tower Co.....	10.00	
Total.....		175.10

Fuel:

Waldo Gas and Oil Co.....	318.81
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Officers' Bonds:

Palmer's Insurance.....	17.50	
Talbot Stevenson Agency.....	40.00	
Total.....		57.50

Janitor—Lights—Telephone:

Wm. Hamilton.....	156.00	
Central Maine Power Co.....	39.31	
N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co.....	99.66	
Total.....		294.97

Incidentals:

M. B. Thompson.....	22.80	
Town of Stockton Springs.....	3.99	
Paul A. Smith, Auditors.....	379.63	
Searsport Hardware.....	4.98	
Lucy Towers.....	.75	
C. G. Carley.....	1.95	

TOWN OF SEARSPORT

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City Job Print.....	472.95
Bangor Daily News.....	41.00
City Drug Store.....	39.07
V. N. Greene.....	43.80
Register of Deeds.....	46.14
MaineMunicipal Association.....	35.00
Ruby D. Wood.....	54.00
Lester Berry.....	.75
Searsport Water Co.....	17.00
Payrolls (by H. Bowdoin).....	39.15
Fletcher's Hardware.....	2.35
George J. Volz.....	25.00
Special Police.....	83.00
Fred Small, Truancy.....	16.00
Jay Colcord.....	14.50
Norma Whitcomb.....	2.00
Knox Bros.....	10.00
Hillard Buzzell.....	2.00
Clifford Curtis.....	3.70
Mina Sawyer.....	15.02
Fred Young.....	9.27
Register of Probate.....	1.00
Katherine Greene.....	6.00
Archer Gilkey.....	6.50
R. M. Thompson.....	17.00
R. L. Torrey.....	5.00
Searsport Water District.....	17.00
Merrill Trust Co.....	6.00
Ballot Clerk.....	50.00
C. W. Jackson.....	11.00
State Treasurer.....	9.00
E. W. Fletcher.....	22.10
Taylor's Market.....	.96

Jorunal Publishing Co.....	3.63	
Debits transferred from other Accts....	41.01	
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Total.....		1,582.00
Total Expenditures.....		6,310.57
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Balance to Surplus.....		241.64

UNION HALL

Receipts

Appropriation.....	500.00	
Rent.....	10.00	
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Total Receipts.....		510.00

Expenditures

William Hamilton, Janitor.....	104.00	
C. M. Power Co., Lights.....	63.91	
Waldo Gas and Oil Co., Fuel.....	15.49	
Gulf Oil Products, Fuel.....	7.04	
R. M. Thompson, Coal.....	199.16	
Hall Hardware Co.....	8.74	
Fletcher's Hardware.....	55.95	
C. G. Carley.....	4.60	
Searsport Drug Co.....	.25	
Fred L. Perkins.....	11.97	
Roger Harriman.....	11.32	
C. W. Jackson.....	14.00	
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Total Expenditures.....		496.43
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Balance to Surplus.....		13.57

TOWN OF SEARSPORT

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STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation.....	792.00
Paid Central Maine Power Co.....	792.00

NEW FIRE TRUCK

Appropriation.....	1,500.00
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Expenditures

Andrews Garage.....	1,477.25	
J. R. Trichy.....	25.52	
Total Expense.....		1,502.77
Overdraft to Surplus.....		2.77

HYDRANT RENTAL

Appropriation.....		2,600.00
Paid Searsport Water Co.....	1,300.00	
Paid Searsport Water District.....	1,300.00	
		2,600.00

HEALTH NURSE

Appropriation.....	85.00
Paid State Treasurer.....	85.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Receipts

Appropriation.....	2,000.00	
Received from the State.....	478.96	
Other Credits.....	220.74	
Total Available		2,699.70

Expenditures

Central Maine Power Co.—

Fire Alarm.....	51.06
Warner Hamilton—Fire Alarm.....	5.00

56.06

Labor at Fires:

Payroll of Barney Hose Co.....	1,204.90
Ralph Larrabee.....	1.50
Payrolls at Forest Fires.....	47.90

1,254.30

Fuel:

Waldo Gas and Oil.....	49.63
Gulf Oil Products.....	136.25

185.88

Salaries of Hose Company:.....

125.00

Equipment and Supplies:

Eastern Fire Equipment Co.....	245.60
Victor Chemical Co.....	68.40
Fletcher's Hardware Co.....	2.60
Quaker Rubber Co.....	740.00
Blanchard Associates.....	130.35

1,186.95

Service on Trucks:

Bayview Service Station.....	99.09
Shute's Service Station.....	1.70
Andr' w's Garage.....	20.10

120.89

Incidentals:

Central Maine Power Co.....	15.03
First National Store.. ..	7.51
Harvard Bowdoin.....	17.11
J. R. Davis.....	16.00
Raymond McKeen.....	23.00
Fred Small.....	32.00
Andrews Garage.....	14.70
H. W. Remick.....	23.30
Fletcher's Hardware.....	15.75

164.40

Labor and Trucks at Forest Fire:

J. S. Colcord.....	108.75
James Moody.....	9.00
Wesley Hamilton.....	16.50
Lee Dakin, Jr.....	14.63
Gerald Rumney.....	7.50
Leroy Sambrook.....	11.25
Kenneth Rich.....	6.75
William Rooney.....	24.75
Floyd Fillmore.....	10.13
Joseph Richardson.....	100.00
Hilton Mortland.....	37.50
Walter Young.....	4.50
L. Taylor.....	1.55
John Moody.....	1.50
Jay Curtis.....	6.00
Edwin Robinson, Jr.....	3.00
Johnson's Esso Station.....	8.45
Thomas Calderwood.....	3.00

Donald Mortland.....	4.50	
L. A. Smith.....	7.50	
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		386.76
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Total Expenditures.....		3,480.24
Overdraft to Surplus.....		780.54

CARVER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Appropriation.....	350.00	
Stipend from State.....	30.00	
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Available.....		380.00
Paid Library Association.....		380.00

MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation.....	50.00
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Expenditures

Fred E. Young.....	6.00	
Searsport Drug Co.....	24.00	
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		30.00
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Balance to Surplus.....		20.00

SCHOOL SURVEY

Appropriation.....	1,500.00	
Paid James H. Duncan.....	16.00	
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Balance carried forward.....		1,484.00

WORLD WAR I AND II MEMORIAL

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Balance as of January 31, 1948.....	634.00	
Appropriation, 1948.....	500.00	
Interest Earned.....	15.00	
Total Available.....		1,149.00

SEWER MAINTENANCE

Receipts

Appropriation.....	700.00
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Expenditures

Clement and Adams.....	.48	
Fletcher's Hardware.....	.40	
		.88
Balance to Surplus.....		699.12

PUBLICITY

Appropriation.....	50.00
Paid Maine Publicity Bureau.....	50.00

WHARF MAINTENANCE

Receipts

Appropriation.....	500.00
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Expenditures

Payrolls:

Payrolls.....	417.38
D. C. Rich.....	100.00
Alfred Ashey.....	26.00

Fletcher's Hardware.....	5.95	
Waldo County Hospital.....	5.00	
Dr. R. L. Torrey.....	6.00	
Dennis Beckett.....	15.00	
Belfast Sales and Service.....	34.70	
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Total Expenditures.....		610.03
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Overdraft to Surplus.....		110.03

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Receipts

Balance January 31, 1948.....	930.21	
Appropriation.....	13,200.00	
State School Fund.....	7,242.36	
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Total Available.....		21,372.57

Expenditures

By Payrolls.....		20,117.67
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Balance carried forward.....		1,254.90

HIGH SCHOOL

Receipts

Balance January 31, 1948.....	977.37	
Appropriation.....	7,877.00	
Prospect, Tuition.....	200.00	
State School Fund.....	1,000.00	
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Total Available.....		10,054.37

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Expenditures

By Payroll.....	8,953.67	
Charged by error to General School Account.....	62.50	
Total Expenditures.....		9,016.17
Balance Carried Forward.....		1,038.20

GENERAL SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Receipts

Balance January 31, 1948.....	302.45	
Appropriation.....	3,300.00	
Parent Teacher's Association.....	1.50	
Insurance Adjustment.....	111.00	
Other Credits.....	212.50	
Total Available.....		3,927.45

Expenditures

By Payroll.....	2,781.90	
Other Charges.....	150.00	
		2,931.90
Balance Carried Forward.....		995.55

SUPERINTENDENCE

Appropriation.....	945.00	
Paid by Payroll.....	842.94	
Balance to Surplus.....		102.06

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. FLETCHER
C. A. ROGERS, SR.
V. N. GREENE
Selectmen of Searsport

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Town Roads

Appropriation.....		4,000.00
Expenditures:		
Payroll—Labor.....	2,445.63	
Payroll—Trucks.....	1,208.88	
Eastern Tractor & Equipment Co.....	18.86	
Fletcher's Hardware.....	4.43	
Bancroft and Martin.....	242.75	
Andrew's Garage.....	221.68	
Bayview Service Station.....	91.24	
State Treasurer.....	476.13	
Harry S. Lord.....	24.00	
Archie Merithew.....	1.50	
C. G. Carley.....	16.70	
Fox and Ginn.....	1.90	
Gilbert Fowler, Gravel.....	36.00	
Wilbur Marder, Gravel.....	18.40	
Raymond York, Gravel.....	3.80	
Lewis Nickerson, Gravel.....	13.60	
Total Expenditures.....		4,825.50
Overdraft to Surplus.....		825.50

Snow Removal

Receipts:

Appropriation.....	2,000.00	
Received from the State.....	1,176.60	
Total Available.....		3,176.60

Expenditures:

Payrolls—Labor.....	462.61	
Payrolls—Trucks.....	341.71	
State Treasurer.....	258.00	
Clement and Adams.....	.15	
Hedge and Mathias.....	198.00	
Andrew's Garage.....	8.10	
Payrolls—Sand Pile.....	225.00	
Payrolls—Snow Fences.....	14.48	
Payrolls—On Main Street.....	92.90	
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Total Expenditures...		1,600.95
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Balance to Surplus.....		1,575.65

Patrol Maintenance

Appropriation.....	871.50
Paid State Treasurer.....	947.50
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Overdraft to Surplus.....	76.00

State Aid Construction

Appropriation.....	900.00
No Expenditures	
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Balance Carried Forward.....	900.00

Special Resolve Maintenance

Appropriation.....	200.00
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Expenditures:

Payrolls—Labor.....	44.10	
Payrolls—Trucks.....	20.14	
Bancroft and Martin.....	32.15	
Total Expenditures.....		96.39
Balance to Surplus.....		103.61

Cutting Bushes

Appropriation.....	400.00
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Expenditures:

Payrolls—Labor.....	495.00	
Fletcher's Hardware.....	11.85	
Searsport Hardware Co.....	2.60	
Total Expenditures.....		509.45
Overdraft to Surplus.....		109.45

Sidewalks

Appropriation.....	400.00
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Expenditures:

Payroll.....	.96	
C. T. Seekins.....	12.00	
Fletcher's Hardware.....	.36	
Searsport Hardware.....	.70	
Roger Harriman.....	35.34	
Total Expenditures.....		49.36
Balance to Surplus.....		350.64

Tractor

Credits..... 368.53

Expenditures:

C. A. Paul.....	5.00
Payrolls.....	159.70
Andrew's Garage.....	51.22
Bayview Service Station.....	1.79
C. G. Carley.....	.53
Eastern Tractor and Equipment.....	13.96
Knox Bros.....	28.38
Southworth Machine Co.....	988.87
Fox and Ginn, Inc.....	1.68
Gulf Oil Products.....	35.32
Fletcher's Hardware Co.....	.96
Maritime Hardware.....	3.00
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Total Expenditures.....	1,290.41
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Deficit to Surplus.....	921.88

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. FLETCHER
C. A. ROGERS, SR,
V. N. GREENE

Road Commissioners

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

TOWN POOR

Appropriation.....	4,500.00	
City of Belfast.....	29.90	
Other Credits.....	36.00	
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Total Available.....		4,565.90

Expenditures**Mark Porter**

George Clements.....	263.50	
City Drug Store.....	7.71	
R. L. Torrey.....	12.00	
Fred Young.....	165.00	
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		448.21

Heber Kinney

George Clements.....	600.00	
City Drug Store.....	13.07	
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		613.07

Helen Eames

City of Brewer.....	616.50	
Fred Young.....	75.00	
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		691.50

Veteran No. 1

Ambrose Moody.....	2.75	
Leslie Closson.....	55.50	

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R. L. Torrey.....	41.00
Fred Young.....	34.82
Clement and Adams.....	53.56
Clarks Market.....	128.76
Shute's Service Station.....	1.58
Searsport Hardware.....	1.25
Fletcher's Hardware.....	2.20
First National Stores.....	18.12
Dr. John Caswell.....	11.00
Waldo County Hospital.....	136.65
Dr. A. O. Stein.....	115.00
Levi Taylor.....	26.61
Searsport Drug Co.....	5.75

634.55

Veteran No. 2

Dr. R. L. Torrey.....	2.00	2.00
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Florian Moody Family

Dr. R. L. Torrey.....	120.00
Searsport Drug Co.....	122.21
Fred E. Young.....	238.84
Waldo County Hospital.....	73.40
Searsport Water Co.....	10.50
Waldo Gas and Oil Co.....	28.85
Clarks Market.....	34.26
C. G. Carley.....	15.93
Clement and Adams.....	4.52
Campbell's Market.....	71.36
Knox Bros.....	72.92
Ambrose Moody.....	3.00
Dr. John Caswell.....	5.00

800.79

Clifford Eaton

Fred Young.....	7.50
Clark's Market.....	10.92
Dr. A. O. Stein.....	68.00
Waldo County Hospital.....	170.50
Searsport Drug Co.....	.60
Waldo Gas and Oil Co.....	84.00

 341.52
Helen Ames

City of Belfast.....	76.90
Bertha Webber.....	390.00
Mrs. Fred Littlefield.....	12.00
Dr. Sennitt.....	115.00

 593.90
Arthur M. Sawyer

Expenditures.....	19.00
Reimbursed.....	19.00

Annie M. Downs

Berry's Taxi.....	12.00
Jay Colcord.....	5.50
Dr. Seth Read.....	7.00
Dr. John Caswell.....	12.00
Mina Sawyer.....	5.00

 41.50
Veteran No. 3

Levi Taylor.....	19.93	19.93
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 Total Expenditures 5,431.14

 Overdraft to Surplus..... 879.24

Family of Fred White, Jr.

Waldo County Hospital.....	29.50
Dr. Carl Stevens.....	35.00
Dr. R. S. Black.....	6.00
Children's Aid Society.....	380.30

 450.80
C. F. McGrath

Fred Horne.....	9.20
Erlan Payson.....	5.00
M. B. Thompson.....	6.40
Maurice Clark.....	21.50
A. O. Stein, M. D.....	5.00
John Caswell, M. D.....	5.00

 52.10
Nancy Moody

Dr. John Sennitt.....	7.00
Fred L. Perkins.....	24.00

 31.00
John Stairs

Eastern Maine General Hospital.....	691.27	691.27
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Aid to Dependent Children

Appropriation.....	600.00
Paid State Treasurer.....	637.50

Overdraft to Surplus.....	37.50
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Respectfully submitted,

E. W. FLETCHER
C. A. ROGERS, SR.
V. N. GREENE

Overseers of the Poor.

REPORT OF TREASURER

GENERAL TOWN FUNDS

Receipts

Balance, February 1, 1948	10,558.50
1948 Town Taxes.....	63,503.44
1947 Town Taxes.....	2,955.41
1946 Town Taxes.....	63.08
1945 Town Taxes.....	4.20
Tax Liens.....	1,509.43
Cost and Interest.....	174.52
1948 Excise Tax.....	2,734.10
1949 Excise Tax.....	776.96

State

Department of Education.....	8,392.36
Snow Removal.....	1,176.60
Bank Stock Tax.....	117.97
Highway Department.....	53.10
Library Stipend.....	30.00
R. R. & Tel. Tax.....	39.57
Forest Fire Aid.....	443.96
Dog License Refund.....	49.29
Health and Welfare.....	482.77

Other Receipts

Withholding Tax Receipts.....	1,789.31
Teachers' Retirement Receipts.....	913.45
Merrill Trust Co., Loan.....	6,000.00
Tractor Account.....	315.43
Worthy Poor.....	225.00
Misc. Poor Accounts.....	823.55
Interest Special Funds.....	37.50
Union Hall.....	10.00

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General Government.....	121.52	
High School Tuition.....	200.00	
General School Account.....	125.50	
Sale Town Property.....	256.93	
Bancroft and Martin.....	55.49	
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	103,938.94	
Paid by Warrant.....		90,552.14
Cash Balance.....		13,386.80
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		103,938.94

Respectfully submitted,

FRED E. YOUNG
Treasurer

TRUST FUND ACCOUNT

Cemetery Funds.....	20,521.95	
Worthy Poor Funds.....	1,177.90	
School and Gymnasium Funds.....	500.00	
Interest Cemetery Funds.....	985.14	
Interest Worthy Poor Funds.....	534.47	
Interest School & Gymnasium Funds	15.00	
Interest Library Funds.....	235.25	
Interest Joanna Colcord Fund	4.58	
Interest Barney Hose Fund.....	75.00	
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	24,049.29	
Paid by Warrant.....		22,373.49
Cash Balance.....		1,675.80
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		24,049.29

Respectfully submitted,

FRED E. YOUNG
Treasurer

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

RECORD OF DEATHS

February 14, 1948—Fred T. Haley
February 19, 1948—Mary E. Nickerson
March 6, 1948—Emery O. Frazier
March 21, 1948—Harriet Whittum Getchell
April 1, 1948—Florian E. Moody
April 2, 1948—Frank E. Kneeland
April 23, 1948—Harry S. Lord
April 28, 1948—Lorenzo D. Jones
May 18, 1948—Sadie M. Benner
May 20, 1948—Mark Leslie Porter
May 25, 1948—Alden Porter Hibbard
June 2, 1948—Azubah Ann Decrow
June 5, 1948—Mabel W. Sanborn
June 13, 1948—George A. Kimball
June 16, 1948—Joseph P. McGowan
June 21, 1948—John H. Littlefield
June 22, 1948—Eliza R. McFarland
July 6, 1948—Charles B. Chamberlain
July 11, 1948—Adelaide S. Parse
July 28, 1948—Merle C. Whittum
August 8, 1948—Walter C. Bullock
September 6, 1948—Helen F. Eames
September 13, 1948—Andrew B. McGowan
September 14, 1948—Lucia Eames
September 24, 1948—Charles W. Curtis
September 25, 1948—Amos D. Carver
October 11, 1948—Beatrice E. Ross
November 2, 1948—Ella A. H. Sweetser
December 11, 1948—Arthur Eugene Nickerson
December 23, 1948—Robert P. Nichols

December 29, 1948—Katherine Porter
January 25, 1949—Maude Savery Gilmore

Total Number of Births	43
Total Number of Marriages	23

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES K. SAWYER

Town Clerk

REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fires Attended by Searsport Fire Department (1948)

Dec.	15—Andrews Garage.....	\$22.50
Dec.	19—Edward Young, Chimney	12.60
Jan.	11—Mrs. Alonzo Seekins Chimney.....	15.30
Jan.	19—Ernest Grant, Oil Burner	11.70
Mar.	6—Ivory Frazier, House	53.10
Mar.	7—Walter Curtis, Chimney	5.40
Mar.	25—Searsport Terrace, Grass	29.70
Mar.	27—Elmer Engstrom, Grass	9.90
Mar.	29—Gordon Walter, Grass	23.40
Apr.	4—Herman Gordon, Grass	23.40
Apr.	8—Searsport Harbor, Grass	10.80
Apr.	10—W. J. Roberts, Chimney	27.00
Apr.	10—Chas. Prescott, Grass.....	13.50
Apr.	11—James Duncan, Grass.....	23.40
Apr.	11—Chas. Sambrooke, Chimney.....	13.50
	Burning Grass.....	253.80
May	1—Albert Littlefield, Car	12.60
May	3—Savory Farm, Grass.....	15.30
May	4—Mable Lindsey, Grass	23.40
June	1—Arthur Morrison, Chimney	17.10
July	4—Fire Watch.....	18.90
July	11—Town Lot, Woods.....	18.00
July	15—Robert Wanning, Truck	21.60
Aug.	7—Post Office, Chimney	7.20
Aug.	8—Old County Road, Woods	144.90
Aug.	9—Old County Road, Woods	204.30
Aug.	19—Town Dump.....	17.10
Aug.	26—Town Lot, Woods.....	14.40

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Aug.	27—Steel Hill, Woods.....	5.40
Sept.	2—John Hill Farm, Bldgs.	48.60
Sept.	10—Mack's Point, Woods.....	22.50
Sept.	12—Frank Kneeland, Chim.	3.60
Sept.	15—Ship's Bell, Grass.....	9.90
Sept.	24—Cedar Hedges, Camp.....	9.90
Sept.	30—John Kingsbury, House	48.60
Oct,	3—Melvin Thompson, Chimney.....	14.40
Oct.	16—Wm. Rooney, Chimney	10.80
Oct.	23—Maud Savory Farm, Chimney.....	6.30
Nov.	19—Edward Young, Chim.....	9.00

Total Cost.....	1,252.80
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Respectfully submitted,

C. W. JACKSON

Fire Chief

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

UNCOLLECTED TAXES

YEAR 1945

Stairs, Percy.....	76.70	76.70
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YEAR 1946

Conner, Irvin.....	62.22
Greenlaw, Percy.....	3.00
Littlefield, John.....	13.50
Prescott, Charles.....	2.60
Rivers, Almon S. & Charlotte.....	27.44
Roberts, Edward F.....	6.24
Stairs, Percy.....	5.20
Ward, Elliot.....	10.40
Ward, Clifton.....	2.60

133.20

YEAR 1947

Boyington, Howard.....	53.00
Curtis, Myron.....	46.80
Cushman, Ernest & Eunice.....	9.60
Fraser, Kenneth.....	3.00
Gatchell, George.....	3.00
Kilgore, Clifford & Natalie.....	10.20
Koch, William J.....	14.40
Littlefield, Amy.....	29.60
Merithew, Archie.....	27.90
Prescott, Charles.....	3.60
Rivers, Almon S. & Charlotte.....	17.40
Roberts, Edward F.....	3.00

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Stairs, Percy.....	9.00	
Ward, Clifton E.....	3.60	
		234.10
Collected since February 1st.....		27.50
		261.60

YEAR 1948

Ashey, Alfred & Dorothy.....	10.47
Carr, Ernest.....	26.00
Charles Chamberlain Heirs.....	56.55
Clements, Leoren.....	33.55
Colcord, Nellie.....	42.25
Coleman, Hattie Heirs.....	52.00
Cook, Wesley.....	30.55
Corey, Walter.....	19.25
Curtis, Walter & Lena.....	14.25
Curtis & Robinson.....	16.25
Clark, James.....	3.00
Dakin, Gertrude & Roy.....	20.80
Dickey, Lemuel K.....	26.25
Dunham, Arthur.....	33.80
Elwell, Clyde.....	40.62
Flood, Mellie.....	19.25
Fowler, S. Gilbert & Esther.....	44.55
Fraser, Kenneth.....	3.00
Farry, Glen.....	3.00
Gatchell, Mary.....	40.30
Grant, Milford.....	19.25
Greenlaw, Percy.....	1.62
Grindle, John.....	42.00
Gatchell, George.....	3.00
Halling, Algot D. & Cathleen.....	53.05
Harriman, Ferdinand.....	7.25

Harriman, Roger.....	310.46
Homer, Esther & Austin.....	118.95
Keniston, Jesse.....	17.55
Keenan, Harriett.....	1.30
Koch, William J.	7.80
Ladd, Wyman & Hilda.....	20.80
Lenfest, John.....	16.25
Littlefield, Alice.....	11.37
Littlefield, Amy.....	84.50
Littlefield, John Heirs.....	49.40
Lamphier, Stanley.....	3.00
Larrabee, Ralph.....	11.02
LaPointe, Joseph.....	8.45
MacKenzie, Earle & Winnefred	41.92
Moulton, Harold & Mertie.....	13.70
Merithew, Royal.....	3.00
Merithew, Harold.....	3.00
Merithew, Archie.....	17.30
Moody, James.....	3.00
Nichols, Joram H.....	104.00
Nickerson, Clytie.....	69.95
Nickerson, Lloyd.....	33.55
Olson, Andrew.....	4.30
Parse, Nicholas Heirs.....	26.00
Pendleton, Maurice.....	20.80
Prescott, Charles.....	6.90
Pease, Roland A.....	6.25
Pendleton, Maurice Jr.....	3.00
Rich, Daniel.....	23.30
Rich, Lewis H.....	58.17
Richardson, Joseph.....	26.00
Rivers, Almon S. & Charlotte.....	35.75
Roberts, Edward F.....	8.45
Roberts, Gordon & Carolyn.....	24.05
Roberts, Gordon N.....	19.50
Roby, Harry.....	35.75

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Rogers, Chas. A. Jr. & Ella.....	78.00
Rogers, Chas. A., Jr.....	31.85
Rooney, John J. & Neota M.....	36.80
Seekins, Ruth A.....	24.00
Seekins, Bernice.....	9.10
Seekins, Eugene & Margaret.....	19.25
Scribner, Percy L.....	58.50
Smith, W. A.....	26.00
Stairs, Isabel.....	22.75
Stairs, Charles.....	3.00
Stairs, Percy.....	87.75
Seekins, David.....	3.00
Smart, Ralph.....	3.00
Thompson, M. B.....	25.10
Verrill, Edward & Evelyn.....	30.30
Ward, Clifton E.....	34.13
Ward, Irene.....	73.12
Ward, Elliott.....	3.00
Whiting, Frank.....	49.80
Witham, George.....	40.05
Winslow, Earl.....	3.00
Whitcomb, Carl.....	3.00
Walling, Donald B.....	3.00
York, Lewene.....	82.55
Young, Roy.....	1.30
Young, Ed.....	22.50

2,684.20

NON-RESIDENT

Berry, Willard Heirs.....	6.50
Eaton, Cynthia Margaret.....	26.00
Erickson, John.....	16.25
Gillespie, Havelock.....	5.20
Gordon, Bessie.....	8.12

Lamphier, Melvina Heirs.....	3.25
Moody, Leon Heirs.....	3.25
Nickerson, Robert S.....	24.05
Searsport Water Co.....	507.00
Thorne & Pratt.....	3.25
Theriahult, Isadore.....	45.50
Wood, Paul L.....	35.00
York, Jessie & Milford.....	3.25

686.62

Total Uncollected.....	3,370.82
Collected since February 1st.....	1,254.02

4,624.84

Respectfully submitted,

RUBY D. WOOD

Tax Collector

**REPORT OF
CARVER MEMORIAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**

To the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Searsport:

Herewith is my report as Treasurer of the Carver Memorial Library Association for the year ending February 1, 1949.

Receipts

Town of Searsport, 1948 approp.	350.00	
Interest from various Funds.....	125.75	
Consumers Fuel Co. Discount.....	2.00	
J. H. Duncan, Hay on Grounds.....	10.00	
Membership Fees.....	40.00	
Contributions for Books.....	9.00	
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Total receipts.....		536.75

Expenditures

Central Maine Power Co., light.....	34.96
The Journal Press Co., book plate.....	6.75
Merrill Trust Co., checking charges....	3.87
George Campbell, Janitor.....	120.00
The Eastern News Co., 5 books.....	8.84
The Personal Book Shop, Inc. 4 books	9.06
The H. R. Huntting Co., 4 books.....	10.69
Elsie H. Gilkey, Librarian.....	116.00
Joan Marshall, Asst. Librarian.....	15.75
Consumers Fuel Co., 5 tons coal.....	113.25
Louise C. Carter, Asst. Librarian.....	20.25
Postage Account.....	2.81
John C. Erickson, varnishing bldg.	71.30
Carl Howard, 1 cord of wood.....	10.00

Carl Howard, cutting hay on grounds	10.00	
C. G. Carley, repairs.....	1.43	
Searsport Hardware Co., supplies	2.72	
Archer W. Gilkey, repairs.....	1.25	
Town of Searsport, Refund of overpayment of interest.....	27.50	
Deficit from the previous year	3.58	
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Total Expenditures.....		590.01
Deficit February 1, 1949.....	53.26	

SPECIAL BOOK FUNDS

Balance from previous year.....	58.47	
Interest from funds.....	92.00	
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Total Receipts.....		150.47
Expenditures.....		30.92
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Balance February 1, 1949		119.55

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES N. DUNCAN

Treasurer

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mr. Clifford Kinstler	Term Expires March 1949
Mr. Charles K. Sawyer	Term Expires March 1950
Mrs. Cecil Card	Term Expires March 1951
Chairman—Mr. Kinstler	

To the School Committee and the Citizens of Searsport:

According to law and custom it is my duty to submit the following report on the conditions and progress of the schools of Searsport for the year ending February 1, 1949.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Fall Term	Sept. 7, 1948–Dec. 17, 1948
Winter Terms	Jan. 3, 1949–Feb. 18, 1949
	One week vacation
	Feb. 28, 1949–April 15, 1949
	One week vacation
Spring Term	April 25, 1949–June 10, 1949

The following statistics are available for the fall term of school.

School	Teacher	Grade	Conveyed	Enrollment	Av. Att'd
Central	Knox	1	13	25	22.54
Central	Marshall	2	18	33	31.32
Central	Clements	3 & 4	27	41	37.33
Central	Carter	4 & 5	13	35	32.89
Nichols	Bowden	6	16	19	18.10
Jr. High		7	8	23	44.91
Jr. High		8	7	22	
Park	Buck	R.	12	14	13.74
			114	212	

There are two pertinent facts shown by a study of this table.

First, and most important of all, is the fact that when one considers that a teacher load of 25 pupils should be the accepted maximum, there are three rooms with enrollments above that figure. One room is seriously overcrowded with a total of 41 pupils. And next fall when the present second grade becomes third grade, the situation will be impossible unless there are divided or split grades from the third to the sixth. Such a condition is far from being accepted as good educational practice and can have only one result—a lower standard of educational opportunity for all.

Secondly, there are 114 pupils being transported with one regular school bus and one station wagon. The arrangement of grades necessitates a great deal of shuttling between the Central, Nichols and Park schools. There is duplication of effort and mileage which makes it inefficient and time consuming. Under these circumstances the routes are extended to the maximum. Every year requests for transportation are brought before the committee. Each case is studied and every effort is made to arrive at a decision which is just and in the best interests of all the children.

There has been one addition and two changes in the faculty this year. Hazel Marshall, who attended Aurora College and has recently completed a summer school and an extension course at the University of Maine, was elected to teach the second grade at the Central School. Carl Heilsberg, a graduate of The American University in 1943, was elected to teach the junior high and coach boys' athletics at the high school.

Mr. Clyde Swett, a student who will receive his degree in Music from the Northern Conservatory of Music, was elected by the Joint School Committee to teach the music in the schools of the union. This is the first time for several years that the union

has employed a music teacher. There has been a great deal of interest and enthusiasm and the results have been gratifying.

During the fall term an extension course on the teaching of the social studies was offered by the University of Maine. Several members of the faculty took advantage of this opportunity for in-service study.

School budgets today are feeling the direct impact of increased costs down the line from fuel, texts, supplies and lighting. Some items are up over 200%, such as newsprint arithmetic paper and there is almost no item which hasn't increased from 15-50 percent.

Among the new purchases for texts has been music books for the grades, science texts for grade four, a quantity of supplementary reading books for library tables, basic English grammar texts for all grades in the senior high, civics texts and workbooks and a language phone system for the teaching of French.

In addition to the regular supplies (painting materials for art work), a new set of maps was purchased for the Central School.

Under the heading of equipment sixty new seating units were purchased for the high school. The commercial room was equipped with ten typewriter tables and three teacher's chairs were replaced.

The following table shows how the school dollar is expended:

Instruction	.58
Fuel	.06
Janitoring	.05
Conveyance	.14
Texts	.04
Supplies	.03
Lights	.01
General Account	.08

The school tax rate for the town of Searsport is .02155. This compares favorably with the state average of .02483.

In closing, I wish to express my appreciation for the fine support you have given the schools of Searsport.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR A. WEBB

Superintendent of Schools

**RECAPITULATION OF SEARSPORT SCHOOL
ACCOUNTS FISCAL YEAR 1948-1949**

Elementary School Account

Resources

Appropriation.....	13,200.00	
Balance forward.....	930.21	
State Fund.....	7,242.36	
	<hr/>	21,372.57

Expenditures

Teachers.....	12,018.98	
Fuel.....	1,132.20	
Janitoring.....	962.90	
Conveyance.....	4,401.50	
Texts.....	864.06	
Supplies.....	562.70	
Lights.....	175.33	
	<hr/>	20,117.67
Balance Forward.....		1,254.90

Secondary School Account

Resources

Appropriation.....	7,877.00	
Balance forward.....	977.37	
State Fund.....	1,000.00	
Tuition.....	200.00	
	<hr/>	10,054.37

Expenditures

Teachers.....	6,506.72
Fuel.....	847.13
Janitorial.....	765.50
Texts.....	477.02
Supplies.....	271.50
Lights.....	85.80
Tuition.....	62.50

	9,016.17
Balance Forward.....	1,038.20

General School Account**Resources**

Appropriation.....	3,300.00
Balance forward.....	302.45
Miscellaneous.....	1.50
Insurance adjustment.....	111.00

3,714.95

Expenditures

Equipment.....	1,384.82
Repairs.....	614.22
Insurance.....	720.36

	2,719.40
Balance Forward.....	995.55

REPORT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Superintending School Committee:

Figures recently released by The State Department of Education show the average per pupil cost in Maine Secondary Schools for the year 1947-1948 to be \$172.73. That cost at Searsport High School is \$149.95.

An old saying is, "Do what you can with what you have where you are today." It illustrates well the situation at the High School. Enrollment is up over last year, and the building is no larger. Facilities are limited. The science laboratory constructed a few years ago is now entirely inadequate, to accommodate a physics class of 17 and a general science class of 35. The lighting system has not been changed although a new entrance has been installed, as well as several minor installations.

The enrollment last September by grades was: 12th—12, 11th—16, 10th—17, 9th—26, 8th—22, 7th—23. This is the largest enrollment since the pre-war period.

We have carried on the usual activities. Robert Croissant and Joan Marshall represented the school in the interscholastic speaking contest, in which both of them were awarded first place

The school entered a county wide track meet last May and won second place in the scoring.

For the first time, last spring scholastic achievement tests were held with seven small schools in the county taking part. Searsport won the first place trophy finishing first in six of the fourteen tests taken.

The athletic teams have made a favorable showing in all sports. The boys' basketball team has been lacking in experience but shows a good deal of promise for next year. The girls' team has played sixteen games to date, losing but two of them.

New seats and desks have been in use in the Main room this year and are an improvement over the old style seat, providing more adequate book space and adding to the appearance of the room.

Mr. Swett and Mrs. Clemons have been carrying out a more extensive music program than we have had for several years. Recognition will be given to those who satisfactorily complete this work.

Respectfully submitted,

VICTOR N. GREENE

Principal

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE

Public Health is the responsibility of each individual in the community. Let it not be true, in regard to Public Health, that what is everybody's business is nobody's business.

Public Health Nursing is carried on through a generalized educational program with its goal the securing and maintaining of good physical and mental health for everyone. To this end the community has been visited by your Public Health Nurse 48 times this year.

The Maternal and Infant Program is one of the most important phases of a Public Health Nursing Program as the well being of a mother during pregnancy and the production of a normal, healthy infant are the factors on which community life and health itself depend. To this end 39 visits to mothers, 32 visits to infants and 112 visits to preschool children have been made.

The school child has been given service through 37 conferences with teachers and Superintendent of Schools to plan an adequate health program and discuss individual health problems. 31 follow-up home visits have been made. A vaccination clinic was held with 50 children being protected against smallpox; 4 school clinics were held and 152 children received the Schick test to determine their state of immunity against Diphtheria. This clinic was followed by other clinics where Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus Toxoid were given. The figures on these Clinics are not available as the last Clinic will not be held until January 1949.

The specialized programs have been the State Clinics for Crippled Children, Pediatric cases, Mental Hygiene Care and Chest X-ray diagnostic service. 16 home visits have been made to these services.

Communicable disease and venereal disease are also Public Health responsibilities. To assist with this phase of the program, 9 home visits have been made.

The local Health Council has been very active in assisting with school immunization clinics, arranging for correction of defects through other clinics for preschool and school children.

The County Salvation Army and P. T. A. have been very generous in financing correction of defects.

District Health Center No. 3, of which Searsport is a part, has one project that no other district in the state can boast. This is the organization of its local Health Officers. This is a very new organization that has come into being through the efforts of Dr. Priest, the State District Health Officer, and the local Health Officers themselves. Without doubt this will be a very effective organization and will play a very important part in the quality of service the local health officer will be able to render his community.

As it is only through the combined efforts of the Health Council, Town Officials and other Health Agencies that a good public health program can be given to your community, may we all work together to make the coming year an outstanding one in Public Health achievements.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Health Council, local physician, Town Officers and School Personnel for their splendid cooperation in the Public Health Nursing Program.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. EMMA CREAMER

Public Health Nurse

REPORT OF SEARSPORT WATER DISTRICT

To the Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Searsport Water District:

Herewith is the first annual report of the Trustees of the Searsport Water District for the year ending Dec. 31, 1948.

Under the provision of the Charter granted to Searsport Water District under special and private laws of 1947 No. 72 your Trustees acquired the Franchise, Rights, Contracts and Assets of the Searsport Water Company. Payment in the amount of \$118,000.00 was made from proceeds of the sale of \$130,000.00 twenty year three and one-quarter per cent bonds to Kidder Peabody & Co. and Kenneth B. Hill & Co. jointly, for the sum of \$131,950.00.

The District took possession September 1, 1948 and has operated as Searsport Water District since that date.

In November we were able to obtain material for the extension of the main on Mt. Ephriam Road including 600 feet of six inch pipe to the new Hydrant approved at Town Meeting March 2, 1948 and seven hundred feet of two inch pipe beyond the Hydrant.

A short extension on Mossman Street and the replacing of line on lower end of Leach Street with general maintenance has been the accomplishments to date.

Respectfully submitted,

CLEMENT L. WHITTIER
JAMES H. DUNCAN
CHARLES C. HAVENER

Trustees